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Title:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS IN NETWORKED INCOMING MAILBOXES

## **AMENDEMENT**

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in furtherance of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith. A Notice of Appeal was filed February 20, 2004 and an Appeal Brief is due April 20, 2004. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

- 1. Amendments to the claims; and
- 2. Remarks.

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